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TRIUMPHS OF OHRISTIANITY IN OUR AGE

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REVIVALS, successful missionary enterprises beneficence on a great scale, civil governments brought into being, moulded and influenced by Christianity, these are some of the great results of the Gospel in our day. Great as they are, we doubt whether they are the greatest. There is another sphere in which the triumphs of faith, prayer, personal effort, and the principle of Christian love are perhaps even more remarkable than in the cases above mentioned. There are in nominally Christian lands, classes of population which, from the fact that they are surrounded by Gospel light are perhaps in a worse condition than the heathen. They are those masses that hang about the skirts of European civilization, that supply its criminals, that infest the dens and alleys of the great cities, crawling like rats into underground hiding-places, shameless, ignorant of God, except to the extent of blaspheming Him, naked, abject, hopeless of good those seared, twice-dead consciences, and brought save by revolutions, shut out from churches by the profound social abyss which separates them from the church-going classes. Of Hamburg in Germany it is said "there are quarters of the town that are stricken with a moral plague; there

locks, holding them by the attraction of his own are courts containing hundreds of families, where genial Christian nature, Wichern governed and men, poor, and not over-scrupulous, would be ashamed to shelter; there are blind alleys and moulded these unlovely, wild creatures, until regions under ground, where even the poverty is strong ties grew up between them and their new home. They lost their vagabond instincts, their out-done by the awfulness of moral degradation."* . And the description is claimed to be equally | souls melted, and their better natures woke under the hymns and songs he taught them. Bible true of London or Paris. In 1849, the Bible Society report that in Hamburg "girls of eight. | narrative, as he presented it in his own vivid, tender way, seized upon imagination and coneen and twenty held up to the Colporteur the science, so that they identified themselves with five new songs printed in this year, crying out one and another character, as it was brought out with scorn, There is our Bible. Mothers in the presence of their daughters, declared and placed before them. They engaged gladly they would rather go to the duncing booth than | in active employment.

read a page of the Gospel. Masterworkmen When admittance was sought again and again by others into the already full house, the resisaid their Bible was a plate of meat ; journeymen asked if they had no sausage to give dents received with enthusiasm the proposal that them instead of such stuff. Some put down the they themselves should build. if They did it. Bible as a damnable book that had turned the | Commencing in early spring, they completed the world mad, others as a book of lies; others as | work in July; and the house which these twelve outcasts joyfully erected, to provide room for serted that they themselves were the Bible. Some more, still stands, with not a few additional ones asked if the colporteur kept no good thieves' stoconstructed under a similar inspiration and by ries, some shouled that they had that day thrust the same class of workmen. A printing-press the Bible in the stove. There was everywhere not only denial of the Christian faith, but of was early added to their enlarging enterprise. operated entirely by the boys, of which the first the simplest fundamental moral truths that we issue was a copy of the 23d Psalm. It is a fahad believed were written in the heart."

And we may complete our picture of the mamous press now in Germany, employing many

ligion from the charge of degeneracy made upon it by its foes, and half-credited by its timorous

friends. THE RELIGIOUS PAPER IN EVERY FAMILY.

the contrary, the suffering THERE is no surer way of obviating the neces sity, now pressing so closely upon us, of raising often its best evidence of ef the price of our paper, than a general effort on the part of pastors and subscribers to place it in ward loss, instead of gainin every family in our congregations. Look over

at Horn in sight of Hamburg, we see an humble numbers, and in wealth. the field ; find out through your elders, or active individual, unknown, sustained by a few friends been its best ages. So com adies, which of your families are without a in circumstances as humble, but penetrated with that we wonder to find it ow weekly religious paper; urge upon such as are profound sense of the deplorable condition of of the position and state able, not the duty, but rather the advantage to the godless and abject poor around him, and And nothing to our minds their household of such a means of training with an equally profound confidence in God, and the slow growth of our own them in intelligent piety and attachment to their determination that something might and must be ration of numerical losses, denomination. Meanwhile, you will discover done to alleviate this misery, by specific Christian character and course of its o not a few families who would warmly appreciate effort. Getting possession of the "Rough House" that ours is a Martyr Chun the advantage, and would speedily show the near Hamburg, a place bearing the name before witness for the truth. Its v fruits of their enlarged opportunities for acquiit came into his hands, he soon succeeded in its fidelity to the truth, and ring knowledge in possessing the paper, but drawing twelve of those abandoned vouths, whose tional influence of manifest whose circumstances do not allow even the small characters we have already described, under the rations. They are an elemen expenditure necessary in subscribing for it. same roof with himself and his godly mother. Often these are the very families which you And by the power of that "love that came would most desire to see supplied. There is try was revolutionized rand i sweetly down from heaven, and flowed out sacrisome beight boy among them whom the pastor stitutional guarantees throw ficially upon the cross, melting the most rugged would wish to see preparing for the hearts into repentance," he wrought upon those sther members give evidences of zeal and promdeformed natures, those depraved, polluted souls. ises of efficiency, in developing which the religmannood, brought purity, brought the image of ous paper would be the very agent needed by God back to them, and to hundreds and thouthe pastor. To cultivate an intelligent interest sands of others who have since come directly or in Christ's cause and in our own denomination.

> there can be no better adjunct to the pastor's work than the religious paper. In the effort to supply all the families of ongregation, we will help by presenting every highth newspaper to the Congregation, or by send ing it free to any one whom they may designate. Any pastor or Church Committee sending us seven prepaid subscriptions will be entitled to an additional name free for one year. The pastor imself will be entitled to his own copy free for one year if he send us four new names, with the

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PASTORAL LETTER OF THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN

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THE Synod of Michigan at its recent meeting ppointed a Committee, Dr. Duffield chairman, o draft a pastoral letter, which was presented by the Committee and adopted. The letter is long and able, entering fully into the nature of the struggle and touching upon the sins of the people without ignoring the signs of encouragement.

EFFICIENCY OF OUR CHURCH.-III. whether it ever would be. Their own vote, Our Church has seemed to lack

added, at one time, by a most questionable maefficiency nœuvre to that of the radical men of the body, because it has suffered. But our studies into failed to procure the passage of the only measure Church-history at large have been in vain, if looking like violence which was before the body. that properly teaches that the Church is only The failure of this notable piece of strategy left efficient when it is outwardly prosperous. On them confessedly without a reason, at least in the Church is judgment of the Synod of Virginia, for the seiency, J Far better cession movement which they persisted in carryfor it, if, at some times, it had been suffering out- ing through.

c favor, in "This reformatory moderation" says Rev. Dr. ages have Patterson, in his sermon before the Assembly at thath is this. Pittsburgh, "has driven from us extreme men in judging on either side; while our brethren on either iny charch to-day. hand have profited numerically by considerable r than that accessions from our ranks." Call it rather conbare resto. scientiousness, love of justice, and regard for with the constitutional obligations, out of which our s, is a proof Church had its very origin. We have suffered suffering on the right hand and on the left because we ry losses but prove refused to push our advocacy of the just cause ive the great addi- to any unjust extreme. And it can only be the iccrityto its decla- shallow-minded or the deeply prejudiced who of its efficiency. will set down our Church as unsuccessful or in-When the Presbyterian Clurch of this coun- efficient because it has experienced such losses most precious con- in steadfastly adhering to a righteous and diffito the winds, by cult line of policy before the world. These sufmoidantal-majority to the remained faith- ferings give force to our testimony to the prinful to these guaranteessuffered the loss ecclest ciples of order, humanity, and liberty. They astically-of all things And our body continued render the testimony efficient exactly as martyrto be, as we have already hown, a witness at dom does. Rightly understood, they are an great cost for those constitutional principles of honor to us, as are the thinned ranks of a veteran Presbyterianism to this day. But the love of regiment to the survivors. They proclaim more justice natural to the Galvini phase of charac- loudly the loyalty and good service done to a ter, takes a wide range. It lites and resists op- righteous cause than full ranks, rich accoutrepression everywhere. So did ne early American ments, and unsoiled banners, though the latter Presbyterian Church: And & fell to the lot of are more attractive to the eye and make a more

our Church, originating in a protest against ec-clesiastical injustice, to take up the forgotten mantle of the liberty loving P esbyterian Church of old time. Some have the how ht it strange that

we should have been so persidently anti-slavery all through our existence as a shurch. But was FORMER invitations to observe a Week of Speit wonderful that the men where sisted the great cial and United Prayer at the beginning of the wrong of the excinding acts shuld also be found | year have met with a very extensive and hearty to be the men of the Prest terian Church on response. From almost every country in every whom the mantle of 1818 le Truly, we per- quarter of the globe did much prayer ascend to we, under God. heaven during that hallowed week on behalf both

saved the Presbyterian name fom the scandal of of the Church and of the World. The manifest blessings by which these seasons a doubtful attitude towards the constitutional ellion, so we also have been marked render it imperative upon us government in a time of re ice, the infamy, of to repeat them. Christians of every country and saved it from the lasting dis to the support of name are, therefore, affectionately recommended contributing its moral influe very. We main- to set apart the eight days, January 4-11 (inworld the right- clusive) of the ensuing year, for simultaneous Church of Amer- and earnest supplication with thanksgiving to anized injustice. Him who has commanded-" Pray without ceasas good men in- ing. In everything give thanks : for this is the With such consideration tow stian charity re- will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." volved in the system as Ch

quired, our General Assemble ersisted in testi- The following topics are suggested as suitable art as a centre of for a prominent place in our exhortations and ininfluence, to keep the public conscience from tercessions on the successive days, the general n the subject. adoption of which would give a character of agree-

Our Church Mews.

CITY CHURCHES .- The Pastor of one of the city churches which have contributed to the to give his heart to the Saviour, and, if spared to to his care.

ment not unfrequently received by those who are laboring and praying for the conversion of the soldiers. May the work go on and may the fruits be multiplied.

AN UNPLEASANT AND FATAL ACCIDENT beel the workmen on the walls of North Broad-Street Church on Friday the 5th. The arch over the pulpit in the rear wall of the building, with the superincumbent structure of stone-work, composing the gable end, gave way and a large portion of it fell to the ground. The cause of the accident is stated to be the continued damp weather of the preceding three weeks, in which it was impossible for the mortar to "set," and bind the heavy stone work firmly together. One

of the workmen was killed instantly; another was-seriously injured, but will probably recover. The unfortunate man who was killed had a family dependent on him. The people of North Broad-Street Church, with characteristic liberality and promptness, immediately commenced raising a fund for their relief.

THE SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA met. Oct. lst, in Howard-Street Church, San Francisco. Rev. E. B. Walsworth was chosen moderator. They united with the General Association

(Congregational) of California. in the narrative of the churches, and in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Four members of the Synod of the Pacific (O.S.) were present and invited to sit as corresponding members. Resolutions were adopted on Sabbath Observance; on Foreign Missions, and favorable to the project of the Assembly's Committee ; on the management of the Pacific newspaper, looking to a union of trolling that hitherto excellent journal; on a ville;" etc., etc. union of the two assemblies, they

Resolved. That we are more and more impressed with the desirableness of a re-union of instructed to bear to them this expression of our sentiment.

The Narrative complains that the year has peculiarly destitute of growth. been church, however, it is reported, all that they agree, but even more than that, thus relieving him of all anxiety concerning his penses of his long journey to attend Synod." legree noble, pious, and hopeful.

CHURCH ERECTION AND PUBLICATION IN Towa.-Iowa City, December 2nd, 1862.-The Synod of Iowa, at its last Session, appointed a Committee of Church erection, to receive all applications for the Assembly's Fund for Church fund for sending the American Presbyterian to erection, which may be addressed to Rev. Geo. the soldiers, informs us that one of the volunteers D. A. Hebard, Iowa City, who is the Secretary to whom he had written and sent a paper, wrote of that Committee : also all applications for the back that he had concluded since his enlistment Synodical Church Erection Fund may be sent

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return, would cast in his lot with the people of A Depository of Hymn books and Catechisms, God in that Church. At Olivet Church, also, with Almanacs, Sunday School Library and young soldier on sick-leave was received by other Publications of the Assembly's Committhe Session, but was ordered off a few days before tee, is now opened at the Store of J. G. Fink, the Communion Service. Such is the enccurage- Clinton Street, Iowa City, at Philadelphia prices. SAMUEL STORRS HOWE,

Stated Clerk of the Synod of Iowa.

ORDINATION .- At a meeting of the Presbytery of Chicago in Lake Forest, Illinois, Nov. 18th. 1862, Mr. Aurelian H. Post was ordained as evangelist. The exercises were as follows :---Sermon, Rev. R. W. Patterson, D.D.; the constitutional questions were put to the candidate hy Rev. G. L. Little: ordaining prayer, Rev. Baxter Dickinson, D.D.; charge to the candidate, Rev. J. Ambrose Wight.

Mr. Post is supplying the Church at Lake Forest, the seat of Lind University .- Christian Herald

REV. ERASTUS COLE, a minister without charge, residing at Litchfield, Ohio, and a member of the Presbytery of Elyria, deceased, October 18th. Resolutions of respect to his memory as "a true friend and brother, an able preacher counsellor, and aid in our fraternal meetings, were passed by the "Black River minsters meeting "November 18th.

REV. ERSKINE N. WHITE, of the Reformed Dutch Church of Richmond, Staten Island, has accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at New Rochelle.

Mew Qublications.

THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS is, as usual, hailed with the promise of new and entertaining books. Carleton, of New York, announces Aldrich's Poems, in "blue and gold," with a fine steel portrait; a new poem by Stoddard, The building another missionary ship, "The Evening King's Bell; Marian Grey, by the popular author Star"; on Home Missions, adopting the plan of "Lena Rivers;" Shakespeare and Characters, by Hackett, the Comedian; a very amusing autobiography (with numerous illustrations) entiboth branches of the Presbytorian Church and tled Drifting About, from the pen of Stephen of the Congregationalists in supporting and con- Massett, the illustrious "Jeems Pipes of Pipes-

The best religious book of the season thus far, has been issued by Messrs. R. Carter & Brother ; the two Presbyterian General Assemblies, and "PRAYING AND WORKING" by Rev. W. F. that our delegate to the Synod of the Pacific be Stevenson, Dublin. It is mainly a series of biographies of those remarkable Christian laborers in Germany who have illustrated and vindicated so triumphantly the power of the Gospel when embraced and wielded in humble faith and earnest loving labors, to save both the dead masses "That they not only pay their pastor promptly, in our nominally Christian countries and to carry light and salvation to the end of the heathen temporal affairs; and their thoughtfulness was world. Here we have Falk, Wichern and Fliedstill further apparent in providing for the ex- ner in the first department, and Gossner and Harms in the second, -well chosen representative The Resolutions on the State of the Country men. The narratives have more than the interare ably drawn, and at once announce slavery to est of a romance; they bring to view one of the be "in irreconcilable antagonism with freedom most important if not the very chief aspect of and free institutions." Their tone is in a high Christian enterprise in our day. They will cheer, encourage and fire the heart of the Christian The delegate to the (O. S.) Synod of the Pa- reader. The book is ably, sympathisingly and ific, Rev. E. B. Walsworth, was cordially re- philosophically written, and must have wide circulation. For sale by Martiens. 12mo. pp. 410. PARISH PAPERS by Norman Macleod, D.D. These papers are on a great variety of subjects as : Thoughts on Christianity; Thoughts on Final Judgement; on a Future Life: Future Punishment; Revivals etc. The one on the Progress of Missions is full of valuable and highly encouraging statistics. The thoughts are simple and pleasingly expressed, and furnish profitable matter for reflection. New York ; R. Carter & Brothers; Presbyterian Book Store. HANNAH MORE, or LIFE IN HALL and COT-FAGE.-Mrs. H. C. Knight, well-known among the writers for the American Tract Society has just transferred to that organization her Life of "1. Because the two are alike Presbyterian in Hannah More revised for the purpose. It will Mith and practice, adopting, ex animo, the same be found full of interest especially to Christian women ; though its portraits of eminent charac-"2. Because the union of the two bodies would ters of that period will commend it to universal promote the strength and efficiency of the Pres- attention. 12mo. pp. 282, with portrait and vignette. For sale by H. N. Thissell, 929

terial with which Christianity, in its benign mis- | hands, and sending out thousands of the Fliesion to every class, has to grapple, by quoting gende Blætter, the monthly bulletin of the Rough the description given in the volume already House, filled with holy, sagacious and blessed quoted, of the first twelve boys received by Im- messages for Germany and lands remote from manuel Wichern in his "Rough House" or Re- Germany. And they print multitudes of other formatory Institution near Hamburg.

"On the 8th of November the first three boys estimating their capacity as artisans, as their came ; by the end of December there were twelve. work shows. They varied in age from five years up to eigh-

teen; their variations in vice were not so great, for they were uniformly bad. Eight of them were illegitimate; four were under the influence of criminal and drunken parents; one lad of twelve was known to the police by ninety-two thefts; one had escaped from prison; one had sinned till he had become imbecile; they were all thor- the trust reposed in them, but received the puboughly wild; lying and stealing were their lic thanks of the Senate for their help in putting second nature. They were poor street-wanderers. such as may be seen in London in the dreary winter nights, crouching in doorways and under bridges; little heaps of rags with perhaps bright, | tion. Youths are constantly being received into hungry eyes, that sparkle on you in a kind of the "families," as they are called, who are known suvage fear. They used to sleep on piles of to the turnkeys of a dozen prisons; policemen stones or on steps; only, said one who slept in empty carts, the stars awoke me in winter. for will identify them by the number of committals: they looked down on me so clear and white, parish boards have been glad to get quit of them There was a shameless, false, little beggar among them, a poor thing deserted by his mother, and cessant operation of the free yet consummately who had risen to be the leader of all the street | ordered Christian influences of the Establishboys in the neighborhood, and a notorious plague. There was a boy who had been treated like a ment, they gradually lose their evil idiosyncracies beast, and naturally lived like a beast; his so- and blend with the pure and happy life of the called adopted parents had bought him for £13; whole. Hundreds of brothers have been trained the woman was an idiot, the man a coarse drunk- and distributed over the prisons and reformatoard, and under them he lived till he was eighteen: no wonder he came shy, full of mistrust, naked within and without. A boy of twelve declared from the parent institution have been planted positively that he believed in no God, much less from north to south of Germany; the vast orgaa Saviour, no resurrection, no judgment; he had | nization of the Inner Mission (home missions in , once laid violent hands on himself, and, when angry, he threatened that he would run himself through with a knife; frightful fits of passion seized upon him, culminating in one which last- life, and rescuing the outcast, and building up ed twelve hours, and during which four men | the Church ; almost every town of importance could scarely hold him. Before he came he used has its Brother, busying himself among its lanes to be chained at such times. These made up and hardened criminals. she household of that loving son and mother.

Others followed like them : notorious pickpockets. vagabonds who from very vagabondage could had learned to sleep on the ice, though as for other learning they could scarcely count two."

As to the girls, it is said that a mother begged for the reception of her daughter of eleven years, in the Reformatory, who had stolen the very sheet from her grandmother's dying bed. When received, they were more unmanageable than the boys. "I have never seen," says Wichern, "so downrightly wicked a spirit in the boy, as in the girl." They would clench their fists, and roll their eyes wildly, and gnash their teeth in paroxysms of passion. They were addicted to poetry of the vilest order, improvised ballads, made horrible travesties of the hymns, were the foremost.in ridicule and profanity.

It is to the great task of reforming, civilizing and saving these lost youth that Christian men and women of our day have addressed themselves. Courts, prisons and penalties have barely kept the evil from being utterly intolerable to the better classes of society; sentimental reformers and humanitarians have contemplated the terrible fact from afar with shuddering, and have produced graphic and moving representations of it; even good Christian people have turned despairingly away, and have accustomed themselves to hope for the fetish-worshippers of Ethiopia and of Polynesia rather than for this forlorn debris of our so-called Christian civilization. But it could not so remain. There have appeared in the Christianity of our day such a degree of practical efficiency, such an energy of faith and prayer, such a blending of wisdom and love, all

The President's Emancipation policy is well and valuable and pious books and charming pictures. and indeed offer to print anything, without over-

Since the Acts of the Apostles were published

turning to Wichern with his "Rough House"

indirectly under his care.

Without any restraint of enclosures, bolts, or

In 1842 the city of Hamburg was destroyed by a four days' conflagration ; and in the universal confusion and terror, while bands of robbers were plundering the miserable sufferers, these restored outcasts not only remained faithful to out the fire. But we cannot particularize. For nearly thirty years the system has been in operaon any terms; yet under the steady, calm, in-

ries and city missions of the Continent; offshoots every form) has been spread over the country, restoring the decayed forms of Christian social

And all this, and much more that we have not space to tell of, is the growth of ardent. healthnot speak fluently, young housebreakers. They ful, evangelical piety. "Jesus Christ," says Wichern, "is the founder of the Rough House." And the history of the enterprise, in its financial aspects, has been a course of striking providences and coincidences, which must be viewed as answers to simple, believing prayer. Jesus Christ has owned his servant's labors and confidence in himself, freely and unhesitatingly reposed in every season of perplexity. From various and unexpected quarters, help has come just when it was needed. The moving statements in the Fliegende Blætter stirred the hearts not only of the rich, but of miners below ground, of washerwomen, of poor children with their half-farthings, and of poor clergymen who sent him their silver tea-spoons. The labor of his boys' hands indeed left them but little to wish for; but when money was required for enlargements, they committed their cause to God in prayer, sent forth their statement, and proceeded in the fullest confidenceto the work. And they never found cause to be

> ashamed of their confidence. But what shall we say more? For time would fail us not only to speak fully of this example of the triumph of Christian faith, love, and labor in our day, but to speak also of John Falk and the orphan waifs of Weimar, of Fliedner, with his "deaconnesses" scattered over both Continents; of John Bost, with his institutions for the hopelessly afflicted in La Force, South of France; of the Bible Women of London; of Chalmers and his elders among the forsaken poor of Glasgow ; - to which we may add, the faithful agents of the churches and evangelical societies of our own country, in their unparalleled

forcibly presented in the following extract: Such a military necessity, produced by the re-bellion, has absolved the government of the Uni-ted States from any obligations of compact or constitution in relation to the slaves in the sece-ding States. The higher obligations devolved by the constitution on the Federal government, for declaring and prosecuting war, when neces-sary for the preservation of the Union or the ex-istence of the government, has put the whole subject and complicities of American slavery as fully within its power when it may be necessary forcibly presented in the following extract :

and possible to exert it, as it has any other thing ssential for the defence and safety of the couny, and the extermination of rebellion. It is indeed true that the rebellion is also an us from the Excinding Church, from the sheer ursurpation of despotic tyranny, irresistibly ex- force of moral sympathy,-ineir own personal cised over many really loyal citizens of the outhern States, who prefer the Federal to he Confederate constitution and government. victions of justice carried us But, however we may and ought to sympathize with them, in their helpless and op- no necessity for (carrying out pressed condition, their several States have as- denouncing the far more no umed the attitude of rebellion, and they, as cit- of the white man over the block, under the syszens of the same, have failed to rally and unite tem of American Slavery. n opposition, so as to be known either as desiing the protection of the Federal government, the sturdiness of true Calvings. Our prestige or as being in any condition to secure it. Never- in the South was speedily gon. Our churches theless, the President of the United States, in and Presbyteries diminished in that region. They avowing the object and policy of the war against pathize with such sufferers, and preserve to A whole Presby bry or two in the Middle States them the rights they had under the Federal con-stitution, before the secession was proclaimed by had shared our exodus. And in 1857, we were laves, as recognized in the Federal constitution, has proved a failure. The attempt to prosecute it and restore the Union as it was, before the rebellion, has periled the very existence of the Federal government. He has, therefore, under the authority and direction of law, taken a very deepened her infinence and her efficiency? important and solemn step in his proclamation, for the prospective emancipation, on the 1st of January, 1863, of the slaves of all those aiding and abetting the rebellion, in any of the States at that time prosecuting it, and claiming to have seceded. In that proclamation seconding with the dictates of an enlightened philanthropy, he martyrdom was not of the surious sort which

has proposed a plan of gradual compensating abolition, for the acceptance of those willing to adopt it; and also, for the voluntary emigration needlessly, by their violent tempers and their disand colonization of the emancipated, so as to dis- regard of the rights of other. Though there charge, as far as practicable, the obligations of have been many such spurious martyrdoms, such guardianship towards a dependent and enfeebled pulation, who, by sudden unqualified possession of liberty, in their unfitness and inability to sus-

(For the American Presbyterian.) A NEW WAY TO GET A PARISH.

WE are friendly to all lawful ways of propagating the Gospel; but as it must be, with a view to promote peace and good-will, we can in one of our religious papers. It is as follows: "A REQUEST.—Will some of our readers give us the name of a good man in or about Oshkosh, Wis., who is desirous of having a United Pres-byterian church organized there? We wish it yterian church organized there? We wish it or the purpose of putting him in communication with a first class minister of our church, who, for personal reasons, would wish to locate there,

Our leading mindst employe the pen and the ment to our services highly acceptable to the

fully within its power when it may be necessary feeble amiability, considered annaticism. Good and Congregations-Larger success to all the means employed for the Evangelization of differmen, who were sincerely with us in resisting ent Classes of the Population, and for checking ecclesiastical usurpation, and the went out with every form of vice and immorality.

Wednesday, January 7.-Increased Spirituali ty and Holiness in the Children of God : Leadrights having never been touched or threatened, ing to their closer union and sympathy with each other, and their more marked separation from the -drew back when they found how far our conworld-a richer baptism of the Holy Spirit on all They could see Ministers and their fellow-labourers in Christian ne principle and lands, to quicken their love and zeal, and make ous usurpations them "wise to win souls"-a blessing upon all Seminaries of sound learning and religious edueation-a large increase of devotedness, selfdenial. persisted with and liberality on the part of the people at large, Thursday January 8.-The Conversion of the Jews-the more extensive and successful Preach. ing of the Gospel among the Heathen-the revigrew but slowly in some parts of the North, too. val of pure Christianity among the Ancient Churches of The East-the overthrow of every form of anti-Christian error-the comforting and liberation of them who are in bonds for the Gospel's sake-the prevalence of Peace among all the usurping authorities. Thus far, however, in the providence of God, the policy that would have reinstated the people of the seceding States in the possession of their rights relative to their in the possession of their rights relative to their

Through such losses we con inued to bear our testimony. And whe can dough that those very losses illustrated our lestimony made the position Friday, January 9 .- The Word of God : The universal recognition of its Divine inspiration and authority-the power of the Holy Spirit to ac.

The Lord's Day: The acknowledgment of its sanctity and obligation-a blessing upon all efforts for promoting its better observance at Home and

Saturday, January 10.-Thanksgiving for our numerous Temporal Blessings and Spiritual Prisecended. In that proclamation, according with word, was not revolutionary or inscriptural. Our vileges—Prayer for Kings and all in authority for all who are suffering from war, or scarcity. or any other affliction-for all Sorts and Conditions some reformers court and bring upon themselves, of Men.

Sunday, January 11.-Sermons : The Church praying always with all prayer and supplication n the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance. is not the character of the sufferings of our

Church. We can bring testimony from both May the Spirit of grace and of supplication be stances rather detrimental and disastrous than desirable and advantageous. Solemn and heavy reformatory action was not sufficiently radical. abundantly poured out upon all who respond to are his responsibilities. He needs the support and prayers of every patriot and Christian, that he may act with fidelity and rectitude in his of-ficial relations. The last of the support of injustice which their action of the shall hear it. He will would otherwise imply. answer thee."

C. E. EARDLEY. Chairman; JOHN HENDERSON, we do not remember to have seen in print, and which was furnished us by a prominent member of the Synod of Virginia an that time, now in ARTHUR KINNAIRD, M.P., Vice Chairmen ; Secretaries; WILLIAM CARDALL. M.A., JAMES

scarcely indorse a method of propagation which we find adopted in a notice published editorially minority reportion the Constitutional Powers of Assembly at New York had rejected Dr. Boyd's minority reportion the Constitutional Powers of ALLIANCE, 7 Adam street, Strand, London ALLIANCE, 7 Adam street, Strand, London W. C., August, 1862.

SOUTH-WESTERN OHURCH.

mittee to respond to a communication from the THE Rev. Jas. McCaskie, Pastor of the South-Synod of Mississippi of the subject of slavery Western Church, requests us to acknowledge the and the General Assembly, proposed the followfollowing donations towards the payment of the

ceived by that body. Upon his request for the Synod's co-operation, Rev. Dr. Anderson and Hon. H. P. Coon were elected Trustees, to unite with those elected by the Synod of Alta California and the Congregational Association, in the direction of the Pacific newspaper. In response to Mr. Walsworth's expression of the fraternal regards of our Synod, the following minute, drawn

up by Dr. Anderson, was unanimously adopted : "Synod has with very great pleasure heard the statements of the delegate from the Synod of Alta California, and does most entirely recipro cate its sentiments of fraternal regard, and at the same time expresses an earnest desire for an ecclesiastical union of the two bodies at as early a

period as may be. "Synod desires this organic union-Confession of Faith, and the same Form of

Church Government. byterian branch of Christ's Church on this coast. "3. Because the prayer of Jesus, 'that they

all may be one,' would in so far find a fulfilment. "4. Because we know and love the brethren of that Synod, and we are assured that our ecclesiastical connection with them would be profitable and pleasant."

THE THANKSGIVING NUMBER of the Evanwith the evidence of prosperity presented by young : this improvement, and hope it may be continued

to our co-laborer through many thanksgivings. By the way, the Evangelist has followed in the steps of the Presbyterian of this city, in appropriating Rev. E. E. Adams' beautiful poem-I move into the light"-from our columns, without acknowledgment. So has the Christian

Herald. AN EXTENSIVE REVIVAL is in progress in Hamilton, C. W., in which Rev. E. P. Ham-

mond, recently ordained by the N.Y. Third for. A large number of boys, as well as girls, Co. from six to twelve years of age, are numbered

or personal reasons, or in some such Western place." It would be paying dear for the whistle to in-troduce division and discord into a peaceful neighborhood for the sake of supplying an un-employed minister, though of the "first class," with a home. By COURTEOUS. Ing remarkance, therefor, as the General Assem-bly has never, ether lively or indirectly, en-dorsed abolition principes. Resolved, that, in the judgment of the 'ford, no necessity exists in the present state of Church, for further in the present state of Church, for further the dorsed abolition principes. Street Unurcu, 1000; S. S. Townsend, \$5.00; Mr. Terry, \$5.00; B. D. Stewart, \$20.00; Cash from S. T., \$5.00; Cash from Mr. B., \$20.00; A. Whildin, \$20.00; E. Patteson, \$5.00; Cash in small sums, \$17.00. Total, \$157.00. From the Western Church, \$25.00; Tabor Chapel, among the converts. Their talk and prayers in directed towards this hitherto dark and insolu-MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS, ETC. their own meetings are exceedingly affecting. ble problem, as to suggest new ideas of the pow-The work is reaching all classes and all ages. tober, just received from L. Scott & Co., New THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW for Ocer of the Gospel, and completely to vindicate it efforts to bring the Gospel to the million of our citizen soldiers. All these enterprises carry ou BE COURTEOUS. In the present state of the Church, for further action on the part of the Sinthern synods." It was evident, six non his afterward, at the memorable meeting in the final declared the from suspicion of decay or degeneracy. The evil has been fairly and manfully grappled. The the modern idea of Christianity, which is to put York; through W. B. Zieber, Philadelphia the Province. sublimest traits of the Christian character have the living principles of the Gospel in efficient contains: Les Miserables; The Platonic Dia-The Buffalo Advocate of Dec. 4th says: "The logues; Modern Political Memoirs; Belgium; revival in Hamilton, C. W., continues. During The Waterloo of Thiers and Victor Hugo; Aids contact with the masses of the nominally Chrisbeen brought face to face with it. Its vastness the week Rev. Dr. Heacock, of this city, was to Faith; China,-the Tæping Rebellion; The tian world, who will not or cannot come to avail is indeed not abated, but its stubbornness is givthemselves of its blessings. And we boldly present, and contributed efficient aid to the good | Confederate Struggle and Recognition. This is ing way. Hope meets our view, irradiating the work both by preaching and exhortation. His one of the very ablest and most readable of all claim that the great results achieved will bear labors are mentioned with grateful commendation the reviews, but its tone towards our country is comparison with those of any other age of Chris-* "Praying and Working," page 74. Just published by R. Carter & Bros. by the citizens of Hamilton." tianity, and will triumphantly vindicate our re- ment. of injustice up to thatin and it was doubtful by, Oakland county, Michigan. the wat the move as bad as the worst. Straw L. F

Chestnut street We have received from Mr. Thissell : THE FAMILY TESTAMENT and PSALMS with notes, maps and tables; large 18mo. pp. 810; cloth 70 cents, postage 20 cents.

The Tract Society has added to its list the gelist appears in a new dress. We are pleased following valuable and attractive books for the

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THE WOODMAN'S NANNETTE; 110 pages, 18mo.

THE NAUGHTY GIRL WON; 135 pages, 18mo.

MY PICTURE BOOK; all are illustrated and printed in clear type and on good paper.

THE STUDENT'S HISTORY of FRANCE is one (N.S.) Presbytery, is actively and efficiently en- of that capital series or histories bearing the disgaged. Conversions are multiplied daily. Mr. tinguishing title, "Student's," which now em-Hammond writes, Nov. 20th : "The work here braces Greece, by Smith (of "Smith's Antiquiis now making rapid progress. Some hundreds ties"); Rome by Liddell; Gibbons abridged are hoping in Jesus." He "is occupied from and revised by Smith; Hume abridged, and early morning till midnight in preaching or con- France, now before us. By whom the two last versing with anxious inquirers." The pastors have been prepared we know not. The History of of the respective churches are pressed beyond France is clearly and succinctly written from the measure with the work; some of them speaking invasion of Julius Cesar; the sympathies of the and preaching three times daily, and all of them writer are with Protestantism and freedom. The occupied in the instruction of the awakened and volume is well gotten up; the illustrations being anxious souls of their flocks. At the close of valuable for their truthfulness at least to the the afternoon service in Knox's church, on the times to which they mostly refer; many of them third Sabbath of the month, after a sermon from being copied from contemporary engravings and Mr. Hammond, from Heb. xi. 7, on Noah's faith, from medals. It is accompanied with a very full an immense congregation being present, four index. Sm. 8vo, pp. 730 New York; Harper hundred persons or more stood up to be prayed & Brothers. Philadelphia; J. B. Lippincott &

We shall here introduce song testimony which connection with our own bod

So late as the fall of 1850 after the General DAVIS, Secretaries ; HERMANN SOHMETTAU, Foreign Secretary ;